

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF BANKRUPTCY

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WASHINGTON, DC - The American College of Bankruptcy announced today that The Honorable Dennis R. Dow, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of Missouri, will be inducted as a Fellow of the College on March 15, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

The ceremony will take place at the Smithsonian Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture, and will be presided over by D.J. (Jan) Baker, Chair of the College. Judge Dow is one of 39 nominees being honored and recognized for their professional excellence and exceptional contributions to the fields of bankruptcy and insolvency.

Judge Dow was appointed to the bench by the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals on November 10, 2003. Prior to his appointment, he was a partner with the firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P. and was listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of bankruptcy law continuously from 1995.

Judge Dow is a member of the Missouri Bar, the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute. He is also a member of the Bankruptcy Judge Education Advisory Committee of the Federal Judicial Center and a member of the faculty of the Advanced Consumer Bankruptcy Practice Institute. And he currently serves as the bankruptcy judge representative on the Judicial Council of the 8th Circuit and is a pro tem member of the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel.

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The American College of Bankruptcy is an honorary professional and educational association of bankruptcy and insolvency professionals. The College plays an important role in sustaining professional excellence. College Fellows include commercial and consumer bankruptcy attorneys, insolvency accountants, turnaround and workout specialists, law professors, judges, government officials and others involved in the bankruptcy and insolvency community.

Nominees are extended an invitation to join based on a record of achievement reflecting the highest standards of professionalism. The College now has 821 Fellows, each selected by a Board of Regents from among recommendations of the Circuit Admissions Council in each federal judicial circuit and specially appointed Committees for Judicial and Foreign Fellows.

Criteria for selection include: the highest standard of professionalism, ethics, character, integrity, professional expertise and leadership contributing to the enhancement of bankruptcy and insolvency law and practice; sustained evidence of scholarship, teaching, lecturing or writing on bankruptcy or insolvency; and a commitment to elevate knowledge and understanding of the profession and public respect for the practice.

For more information about the American College of Bankruptcy, or about the 2013 Induction Ceremony, contact Shari A. Bedker, Executive Director at 703-934-6154 or fax at 703-802-0207 and email at sbedker@amercol.org.